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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cord WOHLTMANN

Appl. No.: 09/736,190

Confirmation No.: 8459

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR COUNTERACTING THE  
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS  
IN A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES  
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Stephen Choi

Atty. Docket No.: 31653-167278

Customer No:

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004, the period for responding to which has been extended for one month to February 12, 2005 by the concurrently filed Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.